

**APPENDIX A**  
**"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 26 and 38 as follows.

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- F1*
26. (Amended Four Times) A process for forming a multi-ply fiber web comprising:
- forming a first fiber ply on a top side of a belt;
  - moving the belt with the first fiber ply thereon in a first direction toward a combining section located on the top side of the belt;
  - forming a second fiber ply between a first wire of a first wire section and a second wire of a second wire section, wherein the first wire section and the second wire section are counter-rotating and the first wire section and the second wire section are located above the top side of the belt, wherein the forming of the second fiber ply begins upstream from the combining section with respect to the first direction;
  - advancing the first wire of the first wire section with the second ply thereon in a second direction toward the combining section; and
  - combining the first fiber ply on the belt with the second fiber ply on the first wire of the first wire section by applying the first wire of the first wire section onto the top side of the belt in the combining section from an angle above the belt.
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- F2*
38. (Amended Two Times) A process for forming a multi-ply fiber web comprising:
- moving a belt in a first direction toward a combining section and moving the belt at a first orientation in the combining section;
  - forming a first fiber ply on the belt;
  - forming a second fiber ply in a twin-wire part between a first wire of a first wire section and a second wire of a second wire section, wherein the twin-wire part defines a gap former and the first wire section and the second wire section are counter-rotating;
  - directing a suspension into a beginning of the gap former generally in the first direction of the belt;

moving the first wire of the first wire section and the second wire of the second wire section together with the second ply between the first wire of the first wire section and the second wire of the second wire section in a second direction toward the combining section;

separating the first wire of the first wire section and the second wire of the second wire section before the combining section;

F2 retaining the second fiber ply on the first wire of the first wire section before the first wire of the first wire section with the second ply thereon enters the combining section;

combining the first fiber ply on the belt with the second fiber ply on the first wire of the first wire section by applying the first wire of the first wire section onto the belt in the combining section at an angle with respect to the first orientation of the belt entering the combining section.

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